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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **LIGHT SOURCE UNIT FOR MEDICAL ENDOSCOPE**,
the specification of which: (check one)

REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

☒ is attached heretor.

☐ was filed on _____ as application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

☐ was described and claimed in International application No. _____
filed on _____ and as amended on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
Japan	2003-046184	24 February 2003	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status—patented, pending, abandoned)
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(Complete this part only this is a continuing application) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulation § 1.56 which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status—patented, pending, abandoned)
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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from Inprotech International Inc. as to any action to be taken in the Patent and trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

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